

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ + Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the size of the server system.
3. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ + Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the number of CPUs in said server system.
4. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ + Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning the value based on published standards for each server.
5. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ + Claim 18 further comprising calculating a capacity value from at least one previously-assigned capacity value.
6. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ + Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a usage category is based on the server application to be executed at each of said plurality of servers.

7-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The method of Claim 9 A method for a computer processor to provide automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems comprising the steps of:

assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix;

automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix;

ascertaining at least one service support level for said computer services;

mapping each of said at least one service support level into said matrix;

assigning costs for each of said at least one support level in said matrix; and

further comprising the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type, required capacity, and required support level for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type, required capacity, and required support level.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The system of Claim 19 A system for providing automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems comprising:
assignment component for assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;
a usage assignment component for assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;
processor component for mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and
cost processing component for automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix; and
a request handling component for determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying a received request for server-based computer services, and wherein said cost processing component automatically determines charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the

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automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix;

ascertaining at least one service support level for said computer services;

mapping each of said at least one service support level into said matrix;

assigning costs for each of said at least one support level in said matrix; and

wherein said method further comprises the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type and required capacity and requested support level.

assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type and required capacity;

wherein said request handling component additionally determines requested support level and wherein said cost processing component automatically determines charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type, required capacity, and requested support level.

21. (currently amended) ~~The program storage device of Claim 16~~
A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for a computer processor to provide automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems said method steps comprising:

assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and